I object to Pappas Telecasting Companies "donating" \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas, yet another example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to public airwaves.

Localism does not mean that a corporation can provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate, not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules. Thank you.